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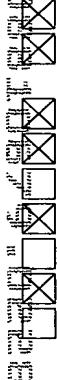
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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMPUTING WITHIN A WIDE AREA NETWORK**

This application includes 56 sheets of Specifications and Claims, & 01 sheet(s) of Abstract

Enclosed are also:



42 Sheets of informal drawings

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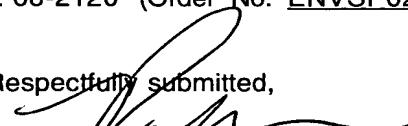


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